

"M<sup>r</sup>. that Thomas Davis my tennaunt at Shelton told me in Shelton's fyfth day of Aprell a<sup>n</sup>. 1543, before W<sup>m</sup>. Tydde' theld' dwelling at or by Wodcot and other auneynt men dwellyng in Shelton (where the said Thom<sup>s</sup>. now dwelle etc. was throughe the grounde that is now the folde or courte ageanst the gre ric. Mytton, esquier, and of him holden by Nyeolas Purcell of Salop, and for farthe of the said courte exstendyng from my said house in Shelton towards the highe str

"Farther he saythe, that by cause the grounde wherby *the said gret oke* s waye and handson' onto the moost of the said filds of Shelton, n'ckett mylle, and to resort to, and for that oon lande of grounde belongyng to my said house sto southe cast ende of my saide house—which said lande of grounde did lye and gret oke," &c.

This extract will suffice to prove that the Shelton Oak was csteemed *a gre* battle of Shrewsbury, and an object of remark to old people *long before* that period.

The circumference of this tree at one foot and a half from the ground is thirty, the ground it is twenty-six feet.

### PLATE XVIII.—THE BOUNDS-PARK

THIS beautiful tree stands in the full pride of symmetry and vigour, in Bo residence of the Earl of Caledon; from the windows of whose mansion it presents the eye to admire the elegance of its form, and the redundancy of its foliage. To the view of one tree may seem much like the view of another; and that a forest its the imagination by the greatness of its aggregate, than to interest it by the var different with the ardent contemplatist of Nature; with him, as is well obser unwearied admirer of her charms,) "every tree has an expression of its own, and He loves to trace in each individual specimen, its peculiar anatomy and charact every shooting stem, has a charm for him; and he is interested throughout each wonderful vegetable structures, from the tender sapling, to the leafless withered tru

The age of the Bounds-Park Oak is not known; but it appears to be in its and bids fair to ornament the spot on which it stands for several centuries to feet above the ground, is twenty-two feet; at twelve feet, where the stem divide It is sixty-nine feet in height; and the extent of the boughs from east to west i and the solid contents of the tree are eight hundred and ninety-two feet.

### PLATE XIX.—THE MOCCAS-PARK

THIS ancient tree, which at three feet from the ground is thirty-six feet in Moccas Court, on the banks of the Wye, in Herefordshire, the seat of Sir George traces his ancestry from Richard, second son of King John, Earl of Cornwall, estate is fraught with historical associations, which extend themselves with pl "monarch of the wood," among whose boughs the war-cry has often reverberate witnessed many a fierce contention for the domains on which he still stands, majesty, surrounded by aged denizens of the forest, the oldest of whom, neverthele but as of yesterday.